

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 14-28 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 14-17, 20, 21, 25 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0030886 to Bewersdorf et al. ("Bewersdorf"). Claim 18 is rejected under U.S.C. § 103(b) as being unpatentable over Bewersdorf, in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,790,616 to Frenkel et al. ("Frenkel"). Claim 19 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bewersdorf, in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2006/0146340 to Szwaykowski et al. ("Szwaykowski"). Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bewersdorf, in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0186380 to Drake ("Drake").

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication that claims 22-24 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(b) and 103(a)

The Examiner has indicated that claim 22 contains allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has now been amended to include the elements recited in allowable claim 22. Claim 22 has now been amended to be in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants submit that amended independent claims 1 and 22, and their dependent claims, are in condition for allowance and withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

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